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SUBJECT: Revision of Task Force I Paper on Merchant Shipping

The following substantive changes are necessary in the Task Force I paper on Merchant Shipping prior to its publication as an O/RR Provisional Report:

1. Page F-2, paragraph 2, line 3. The figure for the total tonnage of the Soviet merchant fleet should now be 1,952,822 GRT. Source: Current Status of the Soviet and Satellite Merchant Fleets, ONI 91-S-51, 2 August 1951.
2. Page F-2, paragraph 2. The last two sentences should be revised to read: "Reliable traffic data are not available, and various estimates of the 1950 ton-kilometer performance of the Soviet ocean fleet range all the way from 38 billion ton-kilometers to as much as 84 billion ton-kilometers. There is no question, however, that traffic between Soviet ports accounts for the major portion of the total traffic."
3. Page F-3, line 6 from bottom. For "present level of 1,411,269 tons", read "present level of 1,435,097 tons".
4. Page F-3, line 4 from bottom. For "the USSR thus has ... 1,928,994 gross tons", read "the USSR thus has ... 1,952,822 gross tons".
5. Page F-4, Section C, paragraph 2. The first sentence should read: "The Soviet merchant fleet at present totals 1,952,822 gross tons, distributed about as follows: 510,239 tons in the Baltic; 354,662 tons in the Black Sea; and 1,087,921 tons in the Far East."
6. Page F-4, Section C, paragraph 2, lines 5-6. For "tankers constituting only 122,000 tons", read "tankers constituting only 125,150 tons".
7. Page F-7, last paragraph. Delete first two sentences and insert: "Although the present traffic level of the Soviet merchant fleet is not known, there is probably at least a theoretical capability of increasing performance considerably without additions to the present fleet."
8. Page F-9, Section 2, line 3. For "confined to the Far East", read "confined to Lend-Lease traffic in the Atlantic and the Far East".
9. Page F-9, Section 2, last line. Delete "across the Pacific from the US to Vladivostok."

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✓10. Page F-10. Delete last two sentences and insert: "There is a wide range of estimates available for the 1950 performance of the Soviet merchant fleet. These estimates vary between a lower limit of 38 billion ton-kilometers and an upper limit of 84 billion ton-kilometers. Another source has derived the estimate that the 1950 plan called for about 51 billion ton-kilometers, although the basis of this estimate is questionable. The Soviet press has announced merely that the unspecified plan was fulfilled by 102 percent. At the present time, it is not possible to narrow the range of estimates from intelligence data currently available."

✓11. Page F-14. In accordance with Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 above, the figures on this page should read as follows:

Total Soviet tonnage	- 1,952,822 GRT
Tanker tonnage	- 125,150 GRT
Baltic-Northern tonnage	510,239 GRT
Black Sea tonnage	- 354,662 GRT
Far East tonnage	- 1,087,921 GRT

✓12. Page F-16, line 10. Delete the phrase beginning "it is believed ....".

✓13. Page F-19, line 2. For "123,000 gross tons", read "125,150 gross tons".

✓14. Page F-20, lines 9-14. Delete the last three sentences of the paragraph and substitute: "Poland is acquiring considerable merchant tonnage abroad, however, including some tanker tonnage, and it is possible that some of these vessels may eventually be transferred to the Soviet fleet. In any case, they are likely to be operated under Soviet policy control."

✓15. Page F-23, lines 3 and 4. For the phrase beginning "which together now total ...", read "which now total, according to latest ONI data, about 5,800,000 gross tons, or nearly three times the size of the Soviet fleet".

✓16. Page F-23, last paragraph. Delete the second and third sentences of the paragraph. In the fourth sentence change "therefore" to "for example".

  
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